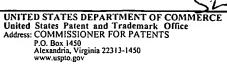


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Status						
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 Se	eptember 2004.					
2a) This action is FINAL . 2b) ⊠ This	action is non-final.					
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.						
Disposition of Claims						
 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw 5) ☐ Claim(s) 10-15 is/are allowed. 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1,2,5,8 and 9 is/are rejected. 7) ☐ Claim(s) 3,4,6 and 7 is/are objected to. 8) ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or 	vn from consideration.	·				
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9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner	r.	•				
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correcti 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex-						
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119						
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents 2. Certified copies of the priority documents 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priori application from the International Bureau * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of	have been received. have been received in Application ity documents have been receive (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	on No d in this National Stage				
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 3 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 2. Claims 1-2, 5, 8/2/1, 8/5/1, 8/1, 9/1, 9/2/1, and 9/5/1 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sameshima et al. (6,453,135). Sameshima et al. teaches an image carrier cartridge comprising at least one image carrier rotatably supported and exposure means 3 disposed at an exposure position for said image carrier, said image carrier cartridge being designed to be detachable relative to the body of an image forming apparatus, wherein said exposure means 3 comprises an organic EL light emitting element array 9 and an imaging optical system 10 disposed in front of the organic EL light emitting element array, and a light shielding member 3 for shielding at least: ultraviolet rays is provided around said exposure means. The light shielding member has a first light shielding member 3 disposed to cover said organic EL light emitting element array.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 3-4, and 6-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 10-15 are allowed.

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Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Prior Art

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Nakajima teaches an exposure means.

Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quana Grainger whose telephone number is 571-272-2135. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Arthur Grimley can be reached on 571-272-2136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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